

Palais Royal.

Special prices tomorrow morning from 8 to 12 o'clock. Regular prices resumed with striking of the gong at midday.

80c (51 Books.) 61c (75c Books.) 25c (39c Books.) 15c (19c Books.) 12½c (15c Books.)

The \$1 Books at 80c include "The Rise of the Dutch Republic," in 2 vols., published at \$2.... The 75c Books at 61c include 3-volume sets published at \$1.50.... The 39c Books at 25c include Boys' and Girls' copyrights, published at \$1.... The 19c Books at 15c include "The Five Little Peppers," published at 25c.... The 15c Books at 12½c include Shakespeare's plays in limp leather binding, published at 25c.

50c Scarfs, 43c.

Men's Scarfs bearing the famous name—Fisk, Clark & Flagg. Such Scarfs cost \$1 at the men's stores. Here at 43c—from 8 to 12 tomorrow morning.



50c Scarfs, 39c.

Ladies' Auto and Twice-around Ties, also Lace-trimmed Chiffon Jabots—on first and second floors. 39c until 12 o'clock tomorrow morning—regular price after that time.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Any one of these hundreds of thousands of Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs at 21c. Choice of these 12½c Handkerchiefs at 9c. Special prices good only during tomorrow's less busy hours—8 to 12 o'clock in the morning.

39c Brooches, 29c.

Jeweled Brooches in satin-lined boxes—these you have seen ticketed 39c. Tomorrow will see ticketed 29c after 12 o'clock tomorrow morning.

75c Rings, 56c.

Those guaranteed Gold Rings, set with precious stones, these you have seen ticketed 75c and will be sold at 56c each. 56c only during special hours.

75c Safes, 69c.

Men's Match Safes, stamped and warranted sterling silver, these you have seen ticketed 75c. Tomorrow only, until 12 o'clock, 69c only.

59c Yard for 75c Fancy Silks.

(8 to 12 tomorrow morning.)

Waist or Dress length in box suitable for presentation—and 59c instead of 75c for new Silks for street and evening wear. Take elevator to second floor for the above and for the following:

39c yard for the 50c Silk Mousselines.

In plain colors and dots. 39c only until the gong sounds at midday, tomorrow.

49c yard for the 50-inch Wool Suitings.

These are \$1 quality, but offered here lately at 75c yard. Second floor.

69c yard for the 50-inch Black Camel's Hair Cheviot.

Originally \$1; lately 80c. Tomorrow only, until 12 o'clock, 69c only.

\$1.29 Tomorrow for \$1.50 Gloves.

The Ladies' Ultra-fashionable English Pique Walking Gloves at \$1.29 instead of \$1.50 if selected before 12 o'clock tomorrow morning.

\$2.29 for \$3 Silk Umbrellas.

The Ladies' Latest Winter Style Silk Umbrellas, in violet, greens, blues and black, with fancy border. \$2.29 only until midday.

Tomorrow's Fourth Floor "Specials."

\$1.19 for the Pictures ticketed \$1.48. Various subjects, in handsome frames, 17x25 inches. The water-color effects in 12x20 gold frames at 39c, instead of 49c.

\$1.49 for the Gold Embroidered Velvet Fire Screens ticketed \$1.98. Only 50c for the Quilted Plush Seats ticketed 75c. These special prices only until 12 o'clock.

\$2.69 for the Solid Oak and Mahogany Bookcases ticketed \$3.50. Only 19c for the \$1.49 Solid Oak Tables with plans-finished top and underneath shelf. On fourth floor.

44c for 50c to 75c Presents.

(8 to 12 o'clock tomorrow.)

On third table from elevator, going toward G street, the following treasures will be found—Collar and Cuff Boxes, Leather Writing Tablets, Military and Ordinary Hair Brushes, Silver Match Boxes, Genuine Briar Root Pipes, Tobacco Jars, Jewel Boxes, Bohemian Atomizers, Jeweled Silk Belts, etc. Choice for 44c—only until midday tomorrow.

Beaded Bags.

98c for the jewelers' \$2.50 Steel Beaded Bags with suede kid lining and art nouveau silver gray tops. Patrons who have been waiting for this announcement will please respond promptly. Ready 8 a.m. tomorrow.



Pocket Books.

69c tomorrow morning for choice of Plain and Silver-trimmed Combination Pocket Book and Card Case. A table full near 11th street door. \$1 Pocket Books in the lot—at 69c.

Sweet Singing Canaries for \$1.69.

The basement floor will be musical with their song. \$1.69 instead of \$1.98 for choice—only if a selection is made tomorrow morning between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock. Bird Cages at 10 per cent discount during these hours.

Clocks.

98c for the Gold Clocks you'll find marked \$1.25—these warranted clocks—on Basement floor. 98c only during the special hours.

Punch Bowls.

\$1.98 for the Monster Glass Punch Bowl marked \$2.40. They look like cut glass. Best—the revolving kind. Basement floor for these.

Lamps.

\$1.89 during tomorrow's special hours for the \$2.25 Parlor Lamps with decorated body and globe to match. Note the brass mountings. Basement.

On Third Floor.

75c Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, Black Sateen Skirts, Knit Wool Skirts and Flannel Night Gowns are to be 59c for choice. The \$1 Sacques and Skirts to be 79c. These special prices only during the morning hours—8 to 12 o'clock.

\$6.98 for the \$7.50 Marten Fur Neck Scarfs.

\$3.98 for the \$4.50 Marten Fur Scarfs. During the special hours only. Third floor.

\$2.49 for the \$2.98 French Flannel Waists.

\$3.79 for the \$5 Tafteta Silk Waists.

86c for \$1 All-wool Flannel Waists.

50c Flannel Waists; pretty stripes and figures.

\$1.89 for \$2.25 Cloths.

The 8x10 Pattern Cloths of heavy Satin Damask, \$1.89 instead of \$2.25.... Only \$4.50 for the \$5 Fringed Damask Sets, consisting of cloth and 12 napkins.

\$5.50 for \$6.50 Homesteaded Table Cloth and 12 Napkins.

Boxed suitable for presentation, with Christmas card, free of charge. Second floor.

98c for the \$1.25 Comfortables and 4c pair for \$5 California Wool Blankets.

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Special Prices.

21c for 25c pound boxes Chocolates, 47c for 60c boxes best Chocolates. 47c for Conserved Cherries. Tomorrow until 12 o'clock.

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G and 11th.

COURAGE OF THE STALKER.

An Even Chance Between the Hunter and the Hunted.

From the London Mail.
It must be quite primeval to stalk the quarry, whether in wood or water. Our ancestors must have been very skilled in this art of stalking, to creep and crouch and crawl near enough to secure their game with such weapons as they had at their command. In secret places, and particularly as night draws on, the fascination of these wider field sports is distinctly enhanced. It is then we feel free of the trammels of civilization; nearer, more akin to nature—though more awed by her—than at any other time.
The detractors of our English field sports, hunting, shooting, and fishing alike—fish-

ing is usually left off more lightly than the other two, though it is a little puzzling to know on what grounds—sometimes affect to despise these on the ground that there is no danger of reprisal; they urge that true sport should imply danger to the hunter as well as the hunted. There seems no reason for this assertion. At the same time, the excitement of the stalk would obviously be more tremendous were there this ever-present danger, which the non-sporting man would wish to see.
Imagine, for instance, going single-handed after a fox on the moor. The excitement of the stalk would be more intense than that of the hunt. It is in fact, the most intense of all. The South American Indian hunters lifted themselves against the most terrible beast—the jaguar, was it not?—of their forests. Only in that case, instead of stalking the game, they let the game stalk them, standing naked, still as stone, with short, uplifted spear, till the jaguar crept so near as to

snuff the very feet of the hunter, and then, at the psychological moment, the statue came to life and drove the spear home—or missed, and was destroyed.
Prevalent Phrases.
From the Richmond Religious Herald.
It is remarkable how certain words and phrases become quickly and generally current. It is well remembered that "environment" passed suddenly from a condition of comparative disuse into constant service. A phrase in fact is "along these lines." One of our friends attending the late General Association, noticing its frequency, began to count the number of times it was used. We are afraid he did not hear more than half of the speeches, but he reports that he heard "along these lines" sixteen times.
If you want work read the want columns of The Star.

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